

CODE OF JOINT RULES.

Mr. ALDRICH. I am directed by the Committee on Rules to offer a resolution, and to ask for its present consideration.
The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.
The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate of the United States (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Committee on Rules of the Senate and the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives are hereby constituted a joint select committee to prepare and report a code of joint rules for conducting the business between the two Houses.

Mr. EDMUNDS. That had better go over and be printed, Mr. President.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will lie over and be printed.
FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

Mr. ALDRICH. I am also directed by the Committee on Rules to offer the resolution which I send to the desk.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That a select committee of nine Senators be appointed, to be called the Quadro-Centennial Committee, to whom shall be referred all matters connected with the proposed celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America.

Mr. ALDRICH. I ask that the resolution may be printed and lie on the table.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. It will lie over and be printed, if there be no objection. The Chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

Mr. CULLOM. I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, December 3, 1889, at 12 o'clock m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 2, 1889.

In accordance with constitutional provision, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress met in their Hall at the Capitol, and were called to order at 12 o'clock m. by Hon. J. B. CLARK, Clerk of the last House.

The CLERK. The House will come to order. The hour having arrived fixed by law for the meeting of the Fifty-first Congress, the Clerk will now proceed to call the roll, and members will please respond when their names are called.

The roll was then called, showing the presence of the following Members and Delegates:

ALABAMA.

Richard H. Clarke.
Hilary A. Herbert.
William C. Oates.
Louis W. Turpin.

James E. Cobb.
John H. Bankhead.
William H. Forney.
Joseph Wheeler.

ARKANSAS.

W. H. Cate.
Clifton R. Breckinridge.
Thomas C. McRae.

John H. Rogers.
Samuel W. Peel.

CALIFORNIA.

John J. De Haven.
Marion Biggs.
Joseph McKenna.

W. W. Morrow.
Thomas J. Clunie.
William Vandever.

COLORADO.

Hosea Townsend.

CONNECTICUT.

William Edgar Simonds.
W. F. Willcox.

Charles A. Russell.
Frederick Miles.

DELAWARE.

John B. Penington.

FLORIDA.

R. H. M. Davidson.

Robert Bullock.

GEORGIA.

Rufus E. Lester.
Henry G. Turner.
Charles F. Crisp.
Thomas W. Grimes.
John D. Stewart.

James H. Blount.
J. C. Clements.
H. H. Carlton.
A. D. Candier.
George T. Barnes.

ILLINOIS.

Abner Taylor.
Frank Lawler.
W. E. Mason.
George E. Adams.
A. J. Hopkins.
Robert H. Hitt.
T. J. Henderson.
Charles Augustus Hill.
Lewis E. Payson.
Philip Sidney Post.

W. H. Gest.
Scott Wike.
William M. Springer.
Jonathan H. Rowell.
Joseph G. Cannon.
George W. Fithian.
Edward Lane.
W. S. Forman.
James R. Williams.
George W. Smith.

INDIANA.

William F. Parrett.
Jason B. Brown.
William S. Holman.
George W. Cooper.
Thomas M. Browne.
William D. Bynum.

Elijah V. Brookshire.
Joseph B. Cheadle.
William D. Owen.
Augustus N. Martin.
C. A. O. McClellan.
Benjamin F. Slately.

John H. Gear.
W. I. Hayes.
D. B. Henderson.
Joseph H. Sweney.
Daniel Kerr.
John F. Lacey.

IOWA.

E. H. Conger.
James P. Flick.
Joseph R. Reed.
J. P. Dolliver.
Isaac S. Struble.

KANSAS.

Edmund N. Morrill.
E. H. Funston.
Bishop W. Perkins.
Harrison Kelley.

John A. Anderson.
Erastus J. Turner.
Samuel Ritter Peters.

KENTUCKY.

William J. Stone.
William T. Ellis.
I. H. Goodnight.
A. B. Montgomery.
Asher Graham Caruth.
John Griffin Carlisle.

William C. P. Breckinridge.
J. B. McCreary.
Thomas H. Paynter.
John H. Wilson.
H. F. Finley.

LOUISIANA.

Theodore S. Wilkinson.
H. Dudley Coleman.
Andrew Price.

Newton C. Blanchard.
Charles J. Boatner.
S. M. Robertson.

MAINE.

Thomas B. Reed.
Nelson Dingley, Jr.

Seth L. Milliken.
Charles A. Boutelle.

MARYLAND.

Charles H. Gibson.
Herman Stump.
Harry Welles Rusk.

Henry Stockbridge, Jr.
Barnes Compton.
Louis E. McComas.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Charles S. Randall.
Elijah A. Morse.
John F. Andrew.
Joseph H. O'Neill.
N. P. Banks.
Henry Cabot Lodge.

William Cogswell.
F. T. Greenhalge.
John W. Chandler.
Joseph H. Walker.
Rodney Wallace.
F. W. Rockwell.

MICHIGAN.

J. Logan Chipman.
Edward P. Allen.
James O'Donnell.
Julius C. Burrows.
Charles E. Belknap.
Mark S. Brewer.

Justin R. Whiting.
Aaron T. Bliss.
Byron M. Cutcheon.
F. W. Wheeler.
Samuel M. Stephenson.

MINNESOTA.

Mark H. Dunnell.
John Lind.
Darwin S. Hall.

S. P. Snider.
Sol. G. Comstock.

MISSISSIPPI.

John M. Allen.
James Bright Morgan.
Thomas C. Catchings.
Clarke Lewis.

C. L. Anderson.
T. R. Stockdale.
C. E. Hooker.

MISSOURI.

W. H. Hatch.
C. H. Mansur.
Alexander M. Dockery.
Robert P. C. Wilson.
John C. Tarsney.
John T. Heard.
Richard H. Norton.

F. G. Niedringhaus.
Nathan Frank.
William M. Kinsey.
R. P. Bland.
W. J. Stone.
W. H. Wade.
J. P. Walker.

MONTANA.

Thomas H. Carter.

NEBRASKA.

George W. E. Dorsey.

NEVADA.

Horace F. Bartine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Alonzo Nute.

Orren C. Moore.

NEW JERSEY.

Chris. A. Bergen.
James Buchanan.
J. A. Geissenhainer.
Samuel Fowler.

C. D. Beckwith.
Herman Lehlbach.
William McAdoo.

NEW YORK.

James W. Covert.
Felix Campbell.
William C. Wallace.
John M. Clancy.
T. F. Magner.
E. J. Dunphy.
J. H. McCarthy.
Amos J. Cummings.
Francis B. Spinola.
John Quinn.
Roswell P. Flower.
A. P. Fitch.
W. G. Stahlnecker.
Moses D. Stivers.
J. H. Ketcham.
Charles J. Knapp.

J. A. Quackenbush.
Charles Tracey.
John Sanford.
John H. Moffitt.
Fred. Lansing.
James S. Sherman.
James J. Belden.
Milton De Lano.
T. S. Flood.
John Raines.
Charles S. Baker.
John G. Sawyer.
J. M. Farquhar.
J. M. Wiley.
W. G. Laidlaw.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Thomas G. Skinner.
H. P. Cheatham.
C. W. McClammy.
B. H. Bunn.
John M. Brower.

A. Rowland.
John S. Henderson.
W. H. H. Cowles.
Hamilton G. Ewart.

NORTH DAKOTA.

H. C. Hansbrough.

Benjamin Butterworth.
John A. Caldwell.
Elihu S. Williams.
Samuel S. Yoder.
George E. Seney.
M. M. Boothman.
Henry L. Morey.
Robert P. Kennedy.
William C. Cooper.
William E. Haynes.
A. C. Thompson.

OHIO.

Jacob J. Pugsley.
Joseph H. Outhwaite.
Charles P. Wickham.
Charles H. Grosvenor.
James W. Owens.
Joseph D. Taylor.
William McKinley, jr.
Ezra B. Taylor.
Martin L. Smyser.
Theodore E. Burton.

OREGON.

Binger Hermann.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Henry H. Bingham.
Charles O'Neill.
William D. Kelley.
Alfred C. Harmer.
Smedley Darlington.
Robert A. Yardley.
William Mutchler.
David B. Brunner.
Marriott Brosius.
Joseph A. Scranton.
Edward S. Osborne.
James B. Reilly.
John W. Rife.
Myron B. Wright.

H. C. McCormick.
Charles R. Buckalew.
Lewis E. Atkinson.
Levi Maish.
Edward Scull.
Samuel A. Craig.
John Dalzell.
Thomas M. Bayne.
Joseph Warren Ray.
Charles O. Townsend.
W. C. Culbertson.
Lewis F. Watson.
James Kerr.

RHODE ISLAND.

H. J. Spooner.

W. O. Arnold.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Samuel Dibble.
George D. Tillman.
James S. Cothran.
William H. Perry.

John J. Hemphill.
George W. Dargan.
William Elliott.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Oscar S. Gifford.

John A. Pickler.

TENNESSEE.

Alfred A. Taylor.
L. C. Houk.
H. Clay Evans.
Benton McMillin.
J. D. Richardson.

Joseph E. Washington.
Benjamin A. Enloe.
Rice A. Pierce.
James Phelan.

TEXAS.

Charles Stewart.
William H. Martin.
C. B. Kilgore.
D. B. Culbertson.
Silas Hare.
Jo Abbott.

William H. Crain.
L. W. Moore.
Roger Q. Mills.
Joseph D. Sayers.
S. W. T. Lanham.

VERMONT.

John W. Stewart.

William W. Grout.

VIRGINIA.

T. H. B. Browne.
G. E. Bowden.
George D. Wise.
E. C. Venable.
P. G. Lester.

Paul C. Edmunds.
C. T. O'Ferrall.
W. H. F. Lee.
J. A. Buchanan.
H. St. G. Tucker.

WASHINGTON.

John L. Wilson.

WEST VIRGINIA.

John O. Pendleton.
William L. Wilson.

John D. Alderson.
J. M. Jackson.

WISCONSIN.

Lucien B. Caswell.
Charles Barwig.
R. M. La Follette.
I. W. Van Schaick.
George H. Brickner.

Charles B. Clark.
Ormsby B. Thomas.
Nils P. Haugen.
Myron H. McCord.

IDAHO.

Fred. T. Dubois.

NEW MEXICO.

Antonio Joseph.

UTAH.

John T. Caine.

WYOMING.

Joseph M. Carey.

The following are the names of the absentees: John H. O'Neill, of Indiana; David Wilber, of New York; Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania; W. C. Whitthorne, of Tennessee, and Marcus A. Smith, Delaware from Arizona.

The CLERK. The Clerk will state to the House that the roll is complete with the exception of three names, where there was a failure to furnish the Clerk with proper credentials of election from the Sixth, the Ninth, and the Twenty-seventh districts of the State of New York.

As a matter of interest to members, and for the purpose of making a permanent record, the Clerk presents in tabular form the changes since the election of members to the Fifty-first Congress, and asks the table be incorporated in the RECORD.

It is as follows:

List of changes since the election of the Fifty-first House of Representatives.

District.	Name.	Date of vacancy.	Successor.
10th Missouri.....	James N. Burnes *.....	Jan. 24, 1889	Robert P. C. Wilson.
19th Illinois.....	Richard W. Townshend *.	Mar. 9, 1889	James R. Williams.
4th Kansas.....	Thomas Ryan †.....	Apr. 3, 1889	Harrison Kelley.
2d Louisiana.....	Edward Gay *.....	May 30, 1889	Andrew Price.
2d Nebraska.....	James Laird *.....	Aug. 17, 1889	Gilbert L. Laws.
9th New York.....	Samuel S. Cox *.....	Sept. 10, 1889	Amos J. Cummings.
27th New York.....	Newton W. Nutting †.....	Oct. 12, 1889	Sereno E. Payne.
6th New York.....	Frank T. Fitzgerald †.....	Nov. 4, 1889	Charles H. Turner.

* Died.

† Resigned.

The CLERK. Three hundred and twenty-seven members having answered to their names, a quorum of the House is now present. The first thing in order is a motion looking to the organization of the House by the election of its officers.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Illinois. Mr. Clerk, I move that the House now proceed to the election of a Speaker to preside over its deliberations during the Fifty-first Congress.

Mr. OATES. That is the first thing in order.

The CLERK. Yes; that is the first thing in order, that the House shall proceed to elect a Speaker to preside over its deliberations. Nominations are now in order.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Illinois. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor to place in nomination for Speaker of the House during the Fifty-first Congress the Hon. THOMAS B. REED, a Representative-elect from the State of Maine. [Applause.]

Mr. MCCREARY. Mr. Clerk, I nominate for Speaker of the House of Representatives the Hon. JOHN G. CARLISLE, of Kentucky. [Applause.]

The CLERK. Are there any other nominations? If not, the Clerk will request Hon. JOSEPH G. CANNON, of Illinois; Hon. R. Q. MILLS, of Texas; Hon. DAVID B. HENDERSON, of Iowa, and Hon. FELIX CAMPBELL, of New York, to act as tellers, as the rules require the election of Speaker shall be *via voce*.

The roll was called, with the following result:

For Mr. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine—166.

Adams,	Culbertson, Pa.,	Lacey,	Russell,
Allen, Mich.,	Cutcheon,	La Follette,	Sanford,
Anderson, Kans.,	Dalzell,	Laidlaw,	Sawyer,
Arnold,	Darlington,	Lansing,	Scranton,
Atkinson,	De Haven,	Laws,	Scull,
Baker,	De Lano,	Lehlbach,	Sherman,
Banks,	Dingley,	Lind,	Simonds,
Bartine,	Dolliver,	Lodge,	Smith,
Bayne,	Dorsey,	Mason,	Smyser,
Beckwith,	Dunnell,	McComas,	Snider,
Belden,	Evans,	McCord,	Spooner,
Belknap,	Ewart,	McCormick,	Stephenson,
Bergen,	Farquhar,	McKenna,	Stewart, Vt.,
Bingham,	Finley,	McKinley,	Stivers,
Bliss,	Flick,	Miles,	Stockbridge,
Boothman,	Flood,	Milliken,	Struble,
Boutelle,	Frank,	Moffitt,	Sweeney,
Bowden,*	Funston,	Moore, N. H.,	Taylor, Tenn.,
Brewer,	Gear,	Morey,	Taylor, Ill.,
Brosius,	Gest,	Morrill,	Taylor, Ezra B.,
Brower,	Gifford,	Morrow,	Taylor, Joseph D.,
Browne, Va.,	Greenhalge,	Morse,	Thomas,
Browne, T. M.,	Grosvenor,	Niedringhaus,	Thompson,
Buchanan, N. J.,	Groat,	Nute,	Townsend, Pa.,
Burrows,	Hall,	O'Donnell,	Townsend, Colo.,
Burton,	Hansbrough,	O'Neill, Pa.,	Turner, Kans.,
Butterworth,	Harmer,	Osborne,	Turner, Va.,
Caldwell,	Haugen,	Owen, Ind.,	Van Schaick,
Candler, Mass.,	Henderson, Iowa,	Payson,	Wade,
Cannon,	Henderson, Ill.,	Perkins,	Walker, Mass.,
Carter,	Hermann,	Peters,	Wallace, Mass.,
Caswell,	Hill,	Pickler,	Wallace, N. Y.,
Cheadle,	Hitt,	Post,	Watson,
Cheatham,	Hopkins,	Pugsley,	Wheeler, Mich.,
Clark, Wis.,	Houk,	Quackenbush,	Wickham,
Cogswell,	Kelley, Pa.,	Raines,	Williams, Ohio,
Coleman,	Kelley, Kans.,	Randall, Mass.,	Wilson, Ky.,
Comstock,	Kennedy,	Ray,	Wilson, Wash.,
Conger,	Kerr, Iowa,	Reed, Iowa,	Wright,
Connell,	Ketcham,	Rife,	Yardley.
Cooper, Ohio,	Kinsey,	Rockwell,	
Craig,	Knapp,	Rowell,	

For Mr. John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky—154.

Abbott,	Breckinridge, Ky.,	Cate,	Culbertson, Tex.,
Alderson,	Brickner,	Catchings,	Dargan,
Allen, Miss.,	Brookshire,	Chipman,	Davidson,
Anderson, Miss.,	Brown, J. B.,	Claney,	Dibble,
Andrew,	Brunner,	Clarke, Ala.,	Dockery,
Bankhead,	Buchanan, Va.,	Clements,	Dunphy,
Barnes,	Buckalew,	Clunie,	Edmunds,
Barwig,	Bullock,	Cobb,	Elliott,
Biggs,	Bunn,	Compton,	Ellis,
Blanchard,	Bynum,	Cooper, Ind.,	Enloe,
Bland,	Campbell,	Cotran,	Fitch,
Blount,	Candler, Ga.,	Covert,	Fithian,
Boatner,	Carlton,	Crain,	Flower,
Breckinridge, Ark.,	Caruth,	Crisp,	Forman,

Forney,	Lewis,	Paynter,	Stone, Ky.,
Fowler,	Magner,	Peel,	Stone, Mo.,
Geissenhainer,	Maish,	Pendleton,	Stump,
Gibson,	Mansur,	Pennington,	Tarsney,
Goodnight,	Martin, Ind.,	Perry,	Tillman,
Grimes,	Martin, Tex.,	Phelan,	Tracey,
Hare,	McAdoo,	Pierce,	Tucker,
Hatch,	McCarthy,	Price,	Turner, Ga.,
Hayes,	McClammy,	Quinn,	Turpin,
Haynes,	McClellan,	Reilly,	Venable,
Heard,	McCreary,	Richardson,	Walker, Mo.,
Hemphill,	McMillin,	Robertson,	Washington,
Henderson, N. C.,	McRae,	Rogers,	Wheeler, Ala.,
Herbert,	Mills,	Rowland,	Whiting,
Holman,	Montgomery,	Rusk,	Wike,
Hooker,	Moore, Tex.,	Sayers,	Willcox,
Jackson,	Morgan,	Seney,	Wiley,
Kerr, Pa.,	Mutchler,	Shively,	Wilkinson,
Kilgore,	Norton,	Skinner,	Williams, Ill.,
Lane,	Oates,	Spinola,	Wilson, Mo.,
Lanham,	O'Ferrall,	Springer,	Wilson, W. Va.,
Lawler,	O'Neil, Mass.,	Stahlnecker,	Wise,
Lee,	Outhwaite,	Stewart, Tex.,	Yoder.
Lester, Va.,	Owens, Ohio,	Stewart, Ga.,	
Lester, Ga.,	Parrett,	Stockdale,	

For Mr. Amos J. Cummings, of New York—1.
Cowles.

The CLERK. The Clerk desires to state that the names of Mr. PAYNE and Mr. CUMMINGS were called inadvertently by the Clerk. The vote of Mr. CUMMINGS, received inadvertently when his name was called, will be withdrawn.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Illinois. I understand the Clerk to say that the names of Mr. PAYNE and Mr. CUMMINGS have been withdrawn from the roll.

The CLERK. They have been, and also the vote of Mr. CUMMINGS, which was inadvertently received.

It may be possible the names of some members have been omitted. If there are such they will make it known, and their votes will now be received.

Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Clerk, I rise to make an announcement before this House that my colleague from the Third district of Pennsylvania, Hon. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, is paired with Hon. DAVID WILBER, of the Twenty-fourth district of New York, until further notice, either gentleman to vote on giving notice to the other.

The CLERK. Notice of the pair has also been sent to the Clerk's desk. Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania. I supposed it had been sent to the Clerk's desk.

The CLERK. The Clerk will read the pair.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, and Mr. DAVID WILBER of New York, are paired for this day on all questions.

Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania. I have announced that they are paired until further notice, either gentleman to vote on giving notice to the other.

Mr. McMILLIN. I wish to announce that General WHITTHORNE, of Tennessee, is detained from the House by illness. I make the statement in justice to my colleague.

Mr. CULBERSON, of Texas. Has my name been called?

The CLERK. It has not.

Mr. CULBERSON, of Texas. I voted for Mr. JOHN G. CARLISLE.

The CLERK. It will be so recorded.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Clerk, on behalf of the tellers appointed to canvass the vote for Speaker, I am directed to report they agree in their tally, and that the result is as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 321. Of this number, Mr. REED has received 166 votes [applause]; Mr. CARLISLE 154 votes [applause], and Mr. CUMMINGS, 1 vote. [Applause.]

The CLERK. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CANNON], on behalf of the tellers appointed to canvass the vote for Speaker, reports they agree in their tally, and that the whole number of votes cast is 321; of which Mr. REED has received 166, Mr. CARLISLE 154, and Mr. CUMMINGS 1. The Clerk therefore announces that Mr. REED, having received a majority of all of the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress. [Applause.]

Mr. CARLISLE and Mr. MCKINLEY conducted Mr. REED to the chair.

Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, having served longest continuously as a member of the House, administered the prescribed oath.

The SPEAKER then addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: I thank you for the high office which your voices have bestowed upon me. It would be impossible not to be moved by its dignity and honor. Yet you may well imagine that I am at this moment more impressed by its responsibilities and duties.

Under our system of government as it has been developed, these responsibilities and duties are both political and parliamentary. So far as the duties are political, I sincerely hope they may be performed with a proper sense of what is due to the people of this whole country. So far as they are parliamentary, I hope, with equal sincerity, that they may be performed with a proper sense of what is due to both sides of this Chamber. [Great applause.]

To the end that I may satisfactorily carry out your will, I invoke the considerate judgment and the cordial aid of all the members of the House. [Applause.]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. MCCOOK, its Secretary, informed the House that a quorum had assembled, and the Senate was ready to proceed to the transaction of business.

It further announced that Mr. EDMUNDS and Mr. HARRIS had been appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to join such committee as might be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House had assembled, and that Congress was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

The SPEAKER then administered to the Members in attendance the oath of office, the Members presenting themselves at the bar of the House as their names were called by States, and qualifying by oath or affirmation, as provided by law; after which the oath of office was also administered to the Delegates from the several Territories.

NINTH AND TWENTY-SEVENTH NEW YORK DISTRICTS.

Mr. CARLISLE. Mr. Speaker, I desire to present at this time, by consent, the certificate made by the clerk of New York County, State of New York, showing the state of the vote at the last Congressional election in the Ninth district of that State, with a view to requesting that the member who is thereby shown to be elected may now be sworn in. There is also another gentleman on the other side of the House who will present the credentials of the member elected to represent the Twenty-seventh district of New York, the papers in the case being exactly in the same condition, as I understand. I send the papers to the desk.

I desire to repeat that this is simply a certificate from the clerk of the county showing the number of votes cast and for whom cast. There is also a certificate from the secretary of state showing that this return is on file in his office, but as yet there has been no final official canvass of the votes and no election certificate issued. There is, however, as I understand it, no controversy as to the election of either of the gentlemen to whom reference has been made.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I present a like paper in reference to the election of Hon. Sereno E. Payne, elected from the Twenty-seventh district of New York, and ask that the same action be taken in that respect.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from Kentucky ask that the gentleman elected to represent the Ninth Congressional district of New York be now sworn in?

Mr. CARLISLE. I ask that he be now sworn in. I refer to Hon. Amos J. Cummings.

Mr. SHERMAN. And I make the same request in regard to Mr. Payne.

The SPEAKER. This can only be done by unanimous consent. Is there objection?

There being no objection, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Payne appeared before the bar of the House and qualified, taking the oath prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF CLERK, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, ETC.

The SPEAKER. The next business in order is the completion of the organization of the House by the selection of its Clerk and other officers.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, in order to complete the organization of the House I now propose the adoption of the resolution I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Edward McPherson, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress;

That Adoniram J. Holmes, of the State of Iowa, be, and is hereby, elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress;

That Charles W. Adams, of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, elected Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress;

That James L. Wheat, of the State of Wisconsin, be, and is hereby, elected Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress; and

That Rev. Charles B. Ramsdell, of the city of Washington, D. C., be, and is hereby, elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

Mr. CHADLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to amend the resolution by striking out the name of Rev. Charles B. Ramsdell and inserting in lieu thereof the name of Rev. William H. Milburn.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Illinois. If there is no motion looking to an amendment of the resolution from the opposite side of the House, I ask a vote upon the pending proposition.

The SPEAKER. The amendment of the gentleman from Indiana is the only one proposed.

Mr. CARLISLE. I move to amend the resolution by striking out all except that part which relates to the election of Chaplain, and inserting in lieu thereof the substitute which I send to the desk. This, of course, will be voted upon after the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Indiana.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That John B. Clark, of the State of Missouri, be, and is hereby, elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress; That John P. Leedom, of the State of Ohio, be, and is hereby, elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress; That Lycurgus Dalton, of the State of Indiana, be, and is hereby, elected Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress; and That A. B. Hurt, of the State of Mississippi, be, and is hereby, elected Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

The SPEAKER. The first question is on the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. ANDERSON, of Kansas. On that I ask for the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were not ordered, less than one-fifth of the last vote rising to sustain the demand.

The question was taken; and on a division there were—ayes 129, noes 134.

Mr. BLAND. I demand tellers.

Mr. LODGE, Mr. BOUTELLE, Mr. HENDERSON of Illinois, and others. Let us have the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER. The demand for the yeas and nays has been refused.

Mr. BOUTELLE. But has not another vote interposed?

The SPEAKER. This is the same question, and tellers are now demanded, the yeas and nays having been refused.

Tellers were ordered.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. CHEADLE and Mr. HENDERSON of Illinois as tellers.

Mr. BOUTELLE. I rise to a question of order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BOUTELLE. Suppose after this vote is taken by tellers the result is still questioned, is it possible that we are not permitted to have a vote by yeas and nays if the House so desires?

The SPEAKER. Only by reconsidering the vote by which the yeas and nays were refused.

The tellers will take their places.

The House again divided; and the tellers reported—ayes 161, noes 154. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

Mr. PERKINS. I move to reconsider the vote by which the yeas and nays were denied.

The question was put; and the Speaker announced that the "ayes" seemed to have it.

Several MEMBERS. Division.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 151, noes 143.

Mr. CRISP. Yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER. Tellers on ordering the yeas and nays can be asked.

Mr. CRISP. The motion, Mr. Speaker, is to reconsider the vote by which the yeas and nays were refused.

The SPEAKER. The House is entitled to tellers if they are demanded.

Mr. CRISP. Is not the House entitled to the yeas and nays on the question to reconsider? The motion is to reconsider the vote by which the yeas and nays were refused; and why, Mr. Speaker, is not a motion to reconsider the vote by which the yeas and nays were refused a question on which the yeas and nays may be asked?

The SPEAKER. The Chair is of opinion the yeas and nays can not be taken on that question, and that the gentleman must have recourse to tellers.

Mr. BLAND. I demand tellers.

The SPEAKER. Tellers are demanded on the question to reconsider the motion by which the yeas and nays were refused.

The question was put, and tellers were ordered.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will appoint the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HENDERSON] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. CHEADLE] to act as tellers.

The House divided; and the tellers reported—ayes 151, noes 158. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

The SPEAKER. On this question the vote is 151 in the affirmative and 158 in the negative; so the House refuses to reconsider the vote by which the yeas and nays were refused.

Mr. HOUK. Mr. Speaker, I desire to know whether it would be in order at this time to have the question divided.

The SPEAKER. Not at this time. The vote on the amendment of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. CHEADLE] is 161 in the affirmative, 154 in the negative. The amendment is, therefore, adopted. [Applause on the Democratic side.] The next vote is upon the amendment offered by the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. CARLISLE].

Mr. FUNSTON. Is it not in order now to call for a division of the question?

The SPEAKER. After the adoption or rejection of the amendment of the gentleman from Kentucky, it will be in order to raise that question.

The amendment of Mr. CARLISLE was again read.

The question was put on the adoption of the amendment, and it was rejected.

Mr. LODGE. Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division of the question.

The SPEAKER. The question can be divided, inasmuch as it comprises several propositions. What division does the gentleman desire?

Mr. FUNSTON. I call for a division of the question.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. LODGE] also asks for a division. What division is desired?

Mr. FUNSTON. That portion pertaining to the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. If no other division is demanded, the House can dispose of the matter by two votes. The Clerk will read the resolution down to that portion pertaining to the Chaplain.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Edward McPherson, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

That Adoniram J. Holmes, of the State of Iowa, be, and is hereby, elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

That Charles W. Adams, of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, elected Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

That James L. Wheat, of the State of Wisconsin, be, and is hereby, elected Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

The SPEAKER. The vote will now be taken on so much of the resolution as has been read.

The resolution as read was adopted.

The SPEAKER. The question now recurs on that portion of the resolution which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

That Rev. W. H. Milburn, of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

The SPEAKER. The question recurs upon the adoption of that portion of the resolution.

Mr. HOUK and Mr. LODGE. Let us have the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken, and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 160, nays 155, not voting 13; as follows:

YEAS—160.

Abbott,	Cothran,	Lanham,	Quinn,
Alderson,	Covert,	Lawler,	Reilly,
Allen, Miss.	Cowles,	Lee,	Richardson,
Anderson, Miss.	Crain,	Lehlbach,	Robertson,
Andrew,	Crisp,	Lester, Va.	Rogers,
Bankhead,	Culbertson, Texas	Lester, Ga.	Rowland,
Barnes,	Cummings,	Lewis,	Rusk,
Barwig,	Dargan,	Magner,	Sayers,
Biggs,	Davidson,	Malsh,	Seney,
Blanchard,	Dibble,	Mansur,	Shively,
Bland,	Dockery,	Martin, Ind.	Skinner,
Blount,	Dunphy,	Martin, Texas	Spinoia,
Boatner,	Edmunds,	McAdoo,	Springer,
Breckinridge, Ark.	Elliott,	McCarthy,	Stahinecker,
Breckinridge, Ky.	Ellis,	McClammy,	Stewart, Texas
Briekner,	Enloe,	McClellan,	Stewart, Ga.
Brookshire,	Ewart,	McCreary,	Stockdale,
Brown, J. B.	Fitch,	McMillin,	Stone, Ky.
Brunner,	Fithian,	McRae,	Stone, Mo.
Buchanan, Va.	Flower,	Mills,	Stump,
Buckalew,	Forman,	Montgomery,	Tarsney,
Bullock,	Fowler,	Moore, Texas	Tillman,
Bunn,	Geissenhalner,	Moore, N. H.	Tracey,
Bynum,	Gibson,	Morgan,	Tucker,
Campbell,	Goodnight,	Mutchler,	Turner, Ga.
Candler, Ga.	Grimes,	Norton,	Turpin,
Carlisle,	Hare,	Oates,	Venable,
Carlton,	Hatch,	O'Ferrall,	Walker, Mo.
Caruth,	Hayes,	O'Neil, Mass.	Washington,
Cato,	Haynes,	Outhwaite,	Wheeler, Ala.
Catchings,	Heard,	Owens, Ohio	Whiting,
Cheadle,	Hemphill,	Parrett,	Wilke,
Chipman,	Henderson, N. C.	Paynter,	Willcox,
Clancy,	Herbert,	Peel,	Wiley,
Clarke, Ala.	Holman,	Pendleton,	Wilkinson,
Clements,	Hooker,	Pennington,	Williams, Ill.
Clunie,	Jackson,	Perry,	Wilson, Mo.
Cobb,	Kerr, Pa.	Phelan,	Wilson, W. Va.
Compton,	Kilgore,	Pierce,	Wise,
Cooper, Ind.	Lane,	Price,	Yoder.

NAYS—155.

Adams,	Caswell,	Gifford,	McComas,
Allen, Mich.	Cheatham,	Greenhalge,	McCormick,
Anderson, Kans.	Clark, Wia.	Grosvenor,	McKenna,
Arnold,	Cogswell,	Grout,	McKinley,
Atkinson,	Coleman,	Hall,	Miles,
Baker,	Comstock,	Hansbrough,	Milliken,
Banks,	Conger,	Haugen,	Moditt,
Bartine,	Connell,	Henderson, Iowa	Morey,
Bayne,	Cooper, Ohio	Henderson, Ill.	Morrill,
Beckwith,	Craig,	Hermann,	Morrow,
Belden,	Culbertson, Pa.	Hill,	Morse,
Belknap,	Cutcheon,	Hitt,	Niedringhaus,
Bergen,	Dalzell,	Hopkins,	Nute,
Bingham,	Darlington,	Houk,	O'Neill, Pa.
Bliss,	De Haven,	Kelley, Pa.	Osborne,
Boothman,	De Lano,	Kelley, Kans.	Payne,
Boutelle,	Dingley,	Kennedy,	Perkins,
Bowden,	Dolliver,	Kerr, Iowa	Peters,
Brewer,	Dorsey,	Ketcham,	Pickler,
Brosius,	Dunnell,	Kinsey,	Post,
Brower,	Evans,	Knapp,	Quackenbush,
Browne, T. M.	Farquhar,	Lacey,	Raines,
Buchanan, N. J.	Finley,	La Follette,	Randall, Mass.
Burrows,	Flick,	Laidlaw,	Ray,
Burton,	Flood,	Lansing,	Reed, Iowa
Caldwell,	Frank,	Laws,	Rife,
Candler, Mass.	Funston,	Lind,	Rockwell,
Cannon,	Gear,	Lodge,	Rowell,
Carter,	Gest,	Mason,	Russell,

Sanford,	Stephenson,	Thomas,	Wallace, N. Y.
Sawyer,	Stewart, Vt.	Thompson,	Watson,
Scranton,	Stivers,	Townsend, Pa.	Wheeler, Mich.
Scull,	Stockbridge,	Townsend, Colo.	Wickham,
Sherman,	Struble,	Turner, Kans.	Williams, Ohio
Simonds,	Sweeney,	Vandever,	Wilson, Ky.
Smith,	Taylor, Tenn.	Van Schaick,	Wilson, Wash.
Smyser,	Taylor, Ill.	Wade,	Wright,
Snyder,	Taylor, Ezra B.	Walker, Mass.	Yardley.
Spoooner,	Taylor, Joseph D.	Wallace, Mass.	

NOT VOTING—13.

Browne, Va.	McCord,	Payson,	Wilber.
Butterworth,	O'Donnell,	Pugsley,	Whitthorne,
Forney,	O'Neill, Ind.	Randall, Pa.	
Harmer,	Owen, Ind.		

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky, by unanimous consent, the reading of the names of members voting was dispensed with.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH and Mr. FORNEY were announced as paired for this day on all political questions.

The result of the vote was then announced as above recorded.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer a resolution which I send to the desk.

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CANNON] will delay his resolution a moment the Chair will administer the oath of office to the Clerk-elect.

The oath of office was then administered by the Speaker to the Clerk-elect, Mr. McPherson.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now administer the oath to the other officers just chosen.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Iowa. Mr. Holmes, the Sergeant-at-Arms, has not yet reached the city, but he will be here to-night.

The SPEAKER. The former Sergeant-at-Arms will perform the duties of the office until the new one is sworn in.

The SPEAKER then administered the oath of office to the Door-keeper, the Postmaster, and the Chaplain elect.

NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE.

Mr. CANNON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform that body that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, has been elected Speaker; that Edward McPherson, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, has been elected Clerk, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will convey the information to the Senate.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. MCKINLEY offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, on the part of the House of Representatives, to join the committee appointed, on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will appoint as members of the committee on the part of the House, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, Jr., of Ohio, JOSEPH G. CANNON, of Illinois, and JOHN G. CARLISLE, of Kentucky.

Mr. BURROWS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, Speaker, and Edward McPherson, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress.

HOUR OF DAILY MEETING.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Iowa, offered the following resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the daily hour of meeting of the House of Representatives shall be at 12 o'clock m.

DRAWING FOR SEATS.

Mr. PERKINS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to draw seats for Members and Delegates for the present Congress, in pursuance of Rule XXXII of the last House, and that when the names of absent members are called seats be selected for them by their colleagues.

Mr. BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky. I wish to suggest an amendment to the last clause of that resolution. There are certain gentlemen absent who have no colleagues. For instance, I have just received a letter from Mr. SMITH, of Arizona, asking me to draw a seat for him, and there are other like cases. I therefore suggest that instead of confining the drawing of seats for absentees to their colleagues respectively, the resolution be amended so as to permit such drawing by other members.

Mr. PERKINS. I will consent that the resolution be amended so as to provide that where the absentee has no colleague present, his seat may be drawn by any member designated by him.

Mr. BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky. I ask the gentleman from Kansas to consent that the resolution shall be modified by inserting after the word "colleagues" the words "or other authorized representatives."

Mr. HOUK. I ask the gentleman offering the resolution whether it would not be more in the spirit of fairness to confine that provision to gentlemen who are absent by reason of illness or other unavoidable cause.

Mr. PERKINS. I think the resolution as offered is in keeping with the resolution usually adopted on these occasions, but I am willing to accept the amendment suggested by the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BRECKINRIDGE].

Mr. HOUK. I have never known of the adoption of a resolution so broad as that. It offers a premium for negligence.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the adoption of the resolution as modified, which the Clerk will read:

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to draw seats for Members and Delegates for the present Congress, in pursuance of Rule XXXII of the last House, and that when the names of absent members are called, seats be selected for them by their colleagues or other authorized representatives.

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. I would inquire whether it is the intention of the mover of that resolution to include as "absent" those who have just put on their coats and gone down town? [Laughter.] In its present form it will include them, and I move to amend by inserting after the word "absent" the words "from the city."

Mr. MCCREARY. I desire to submit an amendment to that resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That all ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives duly elected members of the Fifty-first Congress, and that all Representatives in said Congress who have served in fourteen Congresses, shall be called first in the order of their service, and allowed to select their respective seats before the regular drawing for seats commences.

Mr. MCCREARY. The object of this resolution is to allow the three ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives who are members of the Fifty-first Congress to select their seats before the drawing commences; and the effect of the proposition will also be to allow Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, who, I am informed, has been here perhaps more than fourteen terms of Congress, to select his seat in advance of the regular drawing. I do not know any other gentleman who would come under that clause of the amendment. I think this is simply justice.

Mr. PAYNE. I move, as an amendment to the amendment, to add the name of Hon. DAVID WILBER, a Representative from the State of New York. I make this motion at the request of the delegation from that State, and also at the request of Mr. WILBER. Because of his well-known infirmity, deafness, he desires a seat as near as possible to the Speaker's chair. I move to include his name, as an amendment to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Kentucky.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York [Mr. PAYNE] must reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. PAYNE. My motion is simply to include, after the clause with reference to members who have served for fourteen Congressional terms, the name of Hon. DAVID WILBER, of the State of New York.

The SPEAKER. The question is upon the amendment proposed by the gentleman from New York [Mr. PAYNE].

Mr. PERKINS. On the original resolution and amendments I demand the previous question.

Several MEMBERS. Oh, no!

Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania. I hope the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. PERKINS] will withdraw that demand for a moment. I wish to suggest that there is on the other side of the House a gentleman who has been elected to thirteen Congresses. I make no suggestion with reference to myself; but still, I think an election to thirteen Congresses ought to entitle a member to some preference in this regard. [Laughter.] I move to amend by inserting "and those members who have been elected to thirteen Congresses."

The SPEAKER. There are two amendments now pending. The question is upon the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. PAYNE] to the amendment of the gentleman from Kentucky.

The question being taken, the amendment to the amendment was rejected.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. MCCREARY, The SPEAKER (having put the question) said: The "noes" seem to have it.

Mr. MCCREARY. I ask for a division.

The question being again taken, there were—ayes 152, noes 44.

So the amendment of Mr. MCCREARY was adopted.

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. I now renew my amendment.

Mr. PERKINS demanded the previous question on the original resolution and pending amendments.

The SPEAKER. The Chair did not hear the gentleman. The gentleman from Kansas [Mr. PERKINS] has demanded the previous question upon the resolution. As many as are in favor of the adoption—

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. But, Mr. Speaker, I was recognized and offered an amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman was recognized because the Chair did not hear the proposition of the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. PERKINS], who was on the floor at the proper time.

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. But I was recognized previous to his motion.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. BUCHANAN] was recognized, but the Chair had previously recognized the gentleman from Kansas, who made the demand, as he states, for the previous question. The Chair did not catch the gentleman's language, but he heard the gentleman say something.

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. But my amendment was offered previous to the amendment of the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. McCREARY].

The SPEAKER. The amendment was not presented to the House. Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. It was moved by myself, however.

The SPEAKER. It was not presented to the House, and not submitted.

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey. I think there will be no objection to it.

The SPEAKER. The question is on ordering the previous question.

Mr. McCREARY. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. This question is not debatable.

Mr. McCREARY. I rise to a point of order. I understand the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. PERKINS] has moved the previous question upon the resolution as amended.

The SPEAKER. As amended.

Mr. McCREARY. Very well.

Mr. SPINOLA. I rise to a point of order. There is one seat in this House which is not covered by the resolution under consideration; I refer to the seat of the Representative-elect from the Sixth district of New York. I ask that before the vote is taken on ordering the previous question that district be included, and that some friend of the Representative-elect may draw a seat for him.

A MEMBER. He is not a member.

Mr. SPINOLA. He has been elected, and he has as much right to secure a seat in this drawing as gentlemen who have been sworn in this morning.

Several members demanded the regular order.

The SPEAKER. The regular order is demanded, and the question is on ordering the previous question.

The previous question was ordered.

Mr. FLOWER. I ask for information whether the name of Charles H. Turner, of the Sixth district of New York, is on the roll?

The SPEAKER. It is not.

Mr. FLOWER. If not, I ask, by unanimous consent, that his name be placed on the roll. He was elected on Saturday. [Cries of "Object!" on the Republican side.] Then I ask that his name be put in the box so he may obtain a seat when he does come.

The SPEAKER. That can only be done by unanimous consent.

Several MEMBERS. Let us have the regular order.

The SPEAKER. The regular order is demanded, and that is equivalent to an objection.

Mr. FLOWER. I am asked whether he is the ice-man. Yes, he is; and when he comes here he will give some gentlemen on the other side a cold ride. [Laughter.]

Mr. ATKINSON. I ask, by unanimous consent, to be permitted to retain my seat during the drawing on account of my disability.

There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

The SPEAKER. Under the resolution of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. BANKS] is entitled to select his seat. So, also, is the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. RANDALL], and the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. CARLISLE], and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KELLEY]. [Applause.]

The drawing of the seats was then proceeded with, beginning at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p. m. with the name of Mr. PERRY, of South Carolina, and ending at 4 o'clock and 31 minutes p. m. with the name of Mr. KENNEDY, of Ohio.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of order. Although I am a member of this House my name has not been called.

Mr. MUTCHLER. I wish to state also, Mr. Speaker, that my name has not been called; at least I did not hear it.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk informs the Chair that the names of both gentlemen were called.

Mr. BIGGS. I appeal to gentlemen around me to substantiate my statement. I directed some of the pages to let me know when the name was called, if I should fail to hear it. I failed to hear it myself, and none of the pages heard it called, as I am informed.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is mistaken; the name was called.

Mr. BIGGS. Very well; I did not hear it.

SWEARING IN OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Sergeant-at-Arms-elect, Hon. A. J. Holmes, of Iowa, having appeared at the bar of the House, was duly qualified, taking the oath prescribed by law.

APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES.

Mr. BAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the resolution I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a Committee on Rules, on Accounts, on Enrolled Bills, and on Mileage, each to consist of the same number of members as is provided for by the rules of the Fiftieth Congress; and that the rules of the Fiftieth Congress be referred to the Committee on Rules.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. BAYNE moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

And then, on motion of Mr. MOFFITT (at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk, under the rule, and referred as follows:

By Mr. BAYNE: Petition of Nicholas J. Bigley, for relief—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. STOCKBRIDGE: Petition of Samuel H. Travers, for indemnity for loss of his brig Sofferino—to the Committee on War Claims.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1889.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. J. G. BUTLER, D. D.

CUSHMAN K. DAVIS, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, CHARLES J. FAULKNER, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, and DANIEL W. VOORHEES, a Senator from the State of Indiana, appeared in their seats to-day.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. MCPHERSON, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, appeared below the bar of the Senate and delivered the following message:

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, that THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, has been elected Speaker, and that EDWARD MCPHERSON, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, has been chosen Clerk; and that the House of Representatives is ready to proceed to business.

I am also directed to inform the Senate that the House has concurred in the action of the Senate for the appointment of a committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and that Mr. MCKINLEY, of Ohio, Mr. CANNON, of Illinois, and Mr. CARLISLE, of Kentucky, have been appointed members of that committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. EDMUNDS and Mr. HARRIS, the committee appointed in conjunction with a similar committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States, appeared below the bar and—

Mr. EDMUNDS said: Mr. President, the committee appointed by the two Houses to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him of the meeting and organization of the two Houses and their readiness to proceed to business, have attended to that duty. The President of the United States requests the committee to inform the Senate and House of Representatives that he will communicate to the two Houses by a message in writing immediately.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

At 12 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m., Mr. O. L. PRUDEN, one of the secretaries of the President of the United States, appeared below the bar and said:

Mr. President, I am directed by the President of the United States to deliver to the Senate a message in writing.

The message was received from the secretary and handed to the Vice-President.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the annual message of the President of the United States, which the Secretary will read.

The Secretary of the Senate (Mr. ANSON G. MCCOOK) read the message, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

There are few transactions in the administration of the Government that are even temporarily held in the confidence of those charged with the conduct of the public business. Every step taken is under the observation of an intelligent and watchful people. The state of the Union is known from day to day, and suggestions as to needed legislation find an earlier voice than that which speaks in these annual communications of the President to Congress.